

Quarterly List of WGBX-TV Programming Providing the Most Significant Treatment of Community Issues - WGBX-TV (October-December 2007)

I. Education/Schools/Youth

Frontline: Inside the Teenage Brain, N 12/12/07 2am, 60 min.

It's the mystery of mysteries -- especially to parents. Now the experts are exploring the recesses of the brain and finding explanations for why adolescents behave the way they do and how the new discoveries can change the way we teach, or perhaps even understand, our teenagers. New research in neuroscience has demonstrated that a crucial part of the brain undergoes extensive changes during puberty -- precisely the time when the raging hormones often blamed for teen behavior begin to wreak havoc. Through interviews with scientists, teachers, parents and young adults, FRONTLINE investigates whether another cause of adolescent angst is all in their heads - or more precisely, in their still-forming brains.

Independent Lens: Please Vote for Me, N 11/04/07 9:00pm, 60 min.

This film follows eight-year-old students in an elementary school in China as they campaign for school monitor. This is the first election for a class leader to be held in a school in China. The three candidates campaign, holding debates and showing their intellectual and artistic skills, until one is voted the winner.

Nova: Judgment Day: Intelligent Design on Trial, N 11/18/07 11am, 120 min.

One of the latest battles in the war over evolution took place in a tiny town of Dover in eastern Pennsylvania. In 2004, the local school board ordered science teachers to read to their high school biology students a statement that suggested there is an alternative to Darwin's theory of evolution. Called Intelligent Design, the idea is that that life is too complex to have evolved naturally and therefore had to have been designed by an intelligent agent. The science teachers refused to comply with the order; alarmed parents filed a lawsuit in federal court accusing the school board of violating the separation of church and state. Suddenly, the small town of Dover was torn apart by controversy, pitting neighbor against neighbor. NOVA captures the emotional conflict in interviews with the townspeople, scientists and lawyers who participated in the historic six-week trial, *Kitzmiller, et. al. v. Dover School District, et. al.*, which was closely watched by the world's media. With re-creations based on court transcripts, NOVA presents the arguments by lawyers and expert witnesses in riveting detail and provides an eye-opening crash course on questions such as "What is evolution?" and "Does Intelligent Design qualify as science?" For years to come, the lessons from Dover will continue to have a profound impact on how science is viewed in our society and how it's taught in the classroom.

II. Housing/Urban Development

Bill Moyers Journal N 11/17/07, 2am, 60 min.

Katrina recovery woes. Bill Moyers Journal looks at Mississippi families who are still in need of housing, two-years after Katrina, and examines what's happened to the money Congress sent to rebuild.

Independent Lens: The Creek Runs Red, N 11/25/07, 4am, 60 min.

Facing serious health risks and age-old racial tensions between Indian and white society, a lingering population continues to call home one of the most toxic towns in America.

Nova: Master of the Killer Ants, N 11/21/07, 9pm, 60 min.

In the mid 1800s, New York City was one of the most crowded places on earth. The congested streets and pokey transportation system were a source of constant complaint. In March 1888, a ferocious blizzard ground the city to a halt, bringing the transportation crisis to a peak. On March 24, 1900, ground was broken for the Big Apple's subway; the Interborough Rapid Transit Line opened four years later, running more than 26 miles of underground track at the unheard of speed of 35 miles per hour. Soon thousands in the city were "doing the subway."

III. Public Safety/Crime/Justice

Expose: America's Investigative Reports N 10/6/07, 3am, 30 min.

After months of investigating and a legal fight for access to key documents, the Idaho Falls Post Register published the "Scouts' Honor" series, chronicling how a 15-year-old boy stood up and blew the whistle on a pedophile who was molesting boys while serving as their Boy Scout leader. The series questioned the judgment exercised at two cherished institutions in Idaho Falls for missing opportunities to stop the pedophile in his tracks - the Boy Scouts and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints - the Mormons - who sponsor many Boy Scout groups in Eastern Idaho.

Expose: America's Investigative Reports N 11/3/07, 3am, 30 min.

The 2006 Sago mine disaster left 12 coal miners dead, and earned a dark place in American history and memory. For nearly two days in Upshur County, West Virginia, family and friends gathered, awaiting news of their loved ones, and just before midnight on January 3 cries of joy and relief rang out: "Twelve alive! Twelve alive!" Unfortunately, the families were given false information; only one man survived. The outrage and horror of Sago would make worldwide headlines. But despite the reams and reams of reporting on what happened at Sago, few reporters dug deeper to find out how, why and if tragedies like this need to happen at all. Reporter Ken Ward Jr. and The Charleston Gazette did go deeper, taking a long hard look at the history and heartbreak of the coal mining industry and the governmental bodies that regulate it. Ward found that not only are most mining accidents preventable - the result of lapsed or ignored safety regulations - he also reported that most miners who die on the job die solitary, painful deaths without satellite trucks or reporters or much fanfare. It is these deaths, taken in the aggregate, that form a portrait of an industry that has a very hard time taking care of its own.

Independent Lens: Sisters in Law, N 12/23/07, 9pm, 120 min.

This program looks at one small courthouse in the African nation of Cameroon where two women are determined to help women in their Muslim village find the courage to fight cases of abuse and serve justice where it is due.

IV. Needs of Special Interest Groups

P.O.V. Wrestling with Angels N 12/9/07, 9pm, 120 min.

Tony Kushner, whose epochal "Angels in America" won a Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award, has emerged as one of the country's leading playwrights -- and one of its fiercest moral critics. In this film, Oscar-winning director Freida Lee Mock ("Maya Lin: A Strong Clear Vision") followed Kushner for three tumultuous years, from September 11, 2001, to the 2004 presidential election, to delve into the passions that keep him reaching for the great American play. Actors Marcia Gay Harden, Tonya Pinkins, Meryl Streep and Emma Thompson, directors Mike Nichols and George C. Wolfe, and writer/artist Maurice Sendak are seen collaborating with Kushner on such landmark works as "Angels in America," "Caroline, or Change" and "Homebody/Kabul..

Bragging Rights: Stickball Stories N 10/05/07, 1:30pm, 60 min.

The stickball players of all ages and ethnicities share very frank and personal stories of their relationship to the game. It is precisely this variety of voices (black, white, Puerto Rican, Italian) that lends this documentary its distinct and singularly New York voice. The over-arching story of the film is however an immigrant's story of how Latinos - among other communities - created history and an identity by way of the game.

War: A Deadly Calling N 10/18/07, 3am, 120 min.

African Americans, serving in the segregated armed forces, demand equal rights; the military reluctantly agrees to some changes. Many blacks, including John Gray and Willie Rushton of Mobile, join the Marine Corps and train for combat, but most are assigned to service jobs. Japanese-American men, originally designated "enemy aliens," are permitted to form a special segregated unit, the 442nd Regimental Combat Team. In Hawaii and the internment camps, thousands sign up, including Robert Kashiwagi, Susumu Satow and Tim Tokuno of Sacramento.

V. Employment/Unemployment/Poverty

To the Contrary, N 11/18/07, 7:30am, 30 min.

Banning the Habit: Employers are taking action against workers who smoke or have other risky health behaviors to lower the healthcare costs. But is this intruding into workers' personal lives?

The Missing Class: We take a look at the plight of America's near poor.

To the Contrary, N 12/23/07, 7:30am, 30 min.

Business Case: Baby Boomers take on new jobs after retiring from long careers.

VI. Environment/Ecology

Consuel Mack Wealthtrack, N 11/11/07, 8:30am, 30 min.

Where are the investment opportunities in the fast growing alternative energy industry? We'll find out where the bargains and traps are in wind, solar, geothermal and other new sources of energy with Future Energy author Bill Paul, alternative energy investment advisor Tom Konrad, and alternative energy index creator Joseph LaCorte.

Crown of the Continent: Alaska's Wrangell St. Elias National Park, N 12/16/07, 5:30am, 30 min.
Filmmaker John Grabowska explores Alaska's visually spectacular region of Wrangell-St. Elias National Park, which includes the continent's largest assemblage of glaciers, the greatest collection of peaks above 16,000 feet, along with a dramatic valleys, wild rivers and a variety of wildlife.

E2: Growing Energy, N 11/11/07, 1pm, 30 min.

In response to the oil crisis of the 1970s, Brazil created a domestic ethanol industry that is thriving on all levels, from production, to distribution at gas stations, to nationwide adoption of flex-fuel cars. Looking at policies, infrastructure, manufacturing and consumer acceptance as keys to longevity, this episode examines what we can learn from Brazil's extraordinary success with ethanol.

VII. Medical and Mental Health/Social Services

Wired Science, N 11/22/07, 1am, 60 min.

Adam sits down with Anne Wojcicki and Linda Avey, the co-founders of 23andMe, to chat about giving people insight into their genetic information; we meet medical professionals who are working to eliminate symptoms of various diseases by supplying electricity to the brain;

Front Wards, Back Wards, N 10/31/07, 1:30pm, 60 min.

FRONT WARDS, BACK WARDS charts the 160-year history of Massachusetts' Fernald Center, the first public institution in the United States to serve individuals with developmental disabilities. A diverse group of current and former residents and their families recount the center's troubled history and detail the manifold changes that have taken place at the facility since the 1960s. Today, following an overhaul of its philosophies and practices, the 200-acre Fernald Center clings to its original mission of offering a variety of treatment options in addition to vocational opportunities for its residents. But its future is in jeopardy. Cameras follow residents and advocates as they travel to the Massachusetts State House to present former governor Mitt Romney with a 5,000-signature petition to keep Fernald open.

Key of G, N 10/11/07, 4:30pm, 60 min.

Gannet, a 22-year old developmentally disabled young man with symptoms resembling autism, is unable to speak or walk unassisted. His friends are a close-knit group of artists and musicians looking for inspiration and space for their creativity. When Gannet moves out of his mother's house, he moves into their world -- or is it the other way around? As these friends attempt to form a household together, they create an extraordinary world of interdependence and survival.

VIII. Economy/ Business

California and The American Dream, N 11/04/07, 10pm, 60 min.

In a few short years, American Indians in California went from being the poorest people in the state to some of the richest -- gaining unimaginable wealth from gambling -- from being virtually invisible to being the most powerful political lobby in the sixth largest economy in the world. Today, the state is trying to charge a gaming tax greater than the standard corporate rate, a challenge to the newly found abundance of California tribes. "California's 'Lost' Tribes" is the

first documentary to go behind the facade of glitz and glamour at American-Indian casinos to reveal the current conflicts over Indian gaming, and to explore the historical underpinnings of tribal sovereignty and the evolution of tribal gaming over the last 30 years. Concern over gaming is further stoked by the development of casinos in rural lands, creating friction between tribes and non-Indians. This episode weighs the impact of gaming on Indian self-determination, and explores the challenges native peoples face in defining their identity for the future.

Consuelo Mack Wealthtrack, N 10/07/07, 8:30am, 30 min.

The economy and markets are in a transition period to slower growth and much higher volatility. What does that mean for investors and money making opportunities in the future? We'll hear from the highly respected ISI Group economist Nancy Lazar, portfolio manager and innovative financial thinker Rob Arnott of Research Affiliates, and maverick bond investor Robert Kessler of Kessler Investment Advisors.

Nightly Business Report, N 10/08/07, 7pm, 30 min.

For over 25 years, NIGHTLY BUSINESS REPORT has provided business news in a fast-paced format. Consistently television's most-watched daily business news program, the award-winning series combines business and economic news, extensive financial market coverage, in-depth analysis, corporate profiles, features and commentaries by noted economists and business experts. Veteran business journalists Paul Kangas, at NBR's production headquarters in Miami, and Susie Gharib, from the heart of the financial district - the New York Stock Exchange - co-anchor.

IX. Family/Morality/Religion

America at a Crossroads, N 12/2/07, 1am, 60 min.

Since the 1960s, the American university has often been less a free marketplace of ideas than a combat zone where partisan groups forcefully and sometimes fiercely argue their positions on national and world affairs. In recent years, no issue has been more contentious than the conflict in the Middle East. "Campus Battleground," a special in the AMERICA AT A CROSSROADS series, focuses on the University of California-Berkeley and Columbia University in New York, where pro-Israel and pro-Palestinian students struggle over the competing claims of Zionism and Palestinian nationalism, over what history teaches and whether absolute demands can ever lead to honorable compromise. The seemingly intractable conflict half a world away has forced these students to think about allegiances to family, ethnicity and religion and, above all, about the need to take a stand that will define them and their ideals.

Bill Moyers Journal, N 12/1/07 4am, 60 min

In the wake of this week's peace summit in Annapolis, Bill Moyers Journal profiles the politically powerful group Christians United for Israel (CUFI), whose leader Pastor John Hagee wants to bring millions of Christians together to support Israel.

Independent Lens: Storm of Emotions, N 11/11/07 9pm 90 min

This film is about the Israeli disengagement from the Gaza Strip and efforts to achieve democracy amidst great social and political turmoil. Told from the perspective of the Israeli police force, this film explores how these individuals try to balance their emotions, beliefs and conscience while attempting to maintain civil order and a democratic outcome.